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SUBJECT: Berlin Contingency Planning

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. R. W. Jackling, Counselor, British Embassy  
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With reference to his conversation with Mr. Kohler earlier in the day, Mr. Jackling confirmed that the British had received from the Department of Defense the information which they had requested regarding American plans for the use of limited military force to demonstrate Allied intentions to maintain surface access to Berlin.

Mr. Jackling then raised the question as to what should be said to the French on this subject and added that he would like to report to the Foreign Office by night what line the Americans proposed to take if the French raised the matter. Mr. Kohler replied that we would tell the French we have instructed General Norstad to proceed with planning on this subject and that we hope that the French will issue corresponding instructions in order that tripartite plans may be worked out.

Mr. Kohler informed Mr. Jackling that Ambassador Alphand was to call upon Mr. Merchant at 4:00 p.m. and that Mr. Manet was to call on Mr. Kohler at 4:30 p.m. that afternoon. He added that it was not certain that Berlin contingency planning would be discussed during these calls. In conclusion, Mr. Kohler undertook to inform Mr. Jackling of the substance of any discussion of Berlin contingency planning with the French.

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